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BABY ROW: Kimberly Fortier with her ex-lover David Blunkett

Lover hits back over tot

DAVID Blunkett's former lover claims she can prove he is NOT the father of her two-year-old son.

Kimberly Fortier, who had a three-year affair with the Home Secretary, says she has medical evidence to show her husband is the dad.

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Mr Blunkett, 57, has launched a legal
bid to recognise he is the biological
father of pregnant Ms Fortier's son
William and her unborn child.
Pals of her husband, Stephen Quinn,
say he accepts there is a chance
he may not be the father of the
baby his wife is expecting in
February. A friend said:



OUR BOY: Kimberly and husband Stephen

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

"Given that Kimberly was having the affair with Blunkett when she fell pregnant again, it must have occurred to Stephen that the unborn child may not be his."

be his."
But Mrs Fortier, 43, and Quinn, 60, have warned the Home Secretary that he faces public humiliation if he does not

faces public humiliation if he does not drop his paternity claim. Close friends of Vogue publisher Mr Quinn say there is "incontrovertible proof" that Mr Blunkett cannot be William's dad.

William's dad.
One said: "Even given the affair, only Stephen can be the father. If My Blunkett believes he fathered William, he is barking up the wrong tree. He will have egg on his face."

Another friend added: "If he wishes to go to court with his claim over William, he is in for a very large shock."

Share

Mr Blunkett's solici-tors have written to Ms Fortier, publisher of political magazine The Spectator, demanding DNA tests.

DNA tests.
A political source close to Mr Blunkett has said: "David believes he is the children's father and, as such, that he has an obligation to be a father and to share their lives."

CORRIE'S "mad Maya Monday" was a triple ratings hit. The Street's 7.30pm episode attracted 14 million viewers, 60% of the available audi-ence, with 13.3m watching an hour later. The final 10pm episode was seen by 12.4m. EastEnders got just 11m viewers.



ROLY-poly Fred Elliott is gutted when nightclub bouncers give him the bum's rush because his size makes him a five risk.

rush because his size makes him a fire risk.
Son Ashley Peacock's stag do turns to farce when fat Fred (John Savident, 66) and his Corrie friends are also turned away for being too old.

And the stunned revellers, including cradle-snatcher Martin Platt (Sean Wilson, 39), are left out in the cold follow-

■ by PAUL MALLEY

ing a row with the doormen.
The hilarious storyline, which
also sees a sexy stripper
dressed as a butcher get
Ashley (Steven Arnold, 29)
into trouble in a restaurant,
will be screened over
Christmas.

And the hilarity continues when a mix-up leads to three chums believing they are going to be Ashley's best man.



Baby riddle for menace Dennis

Fight

Then it emerges that Zoe is apparently expecting.
Last night a soap source said: "It's a hell of a story-line as Sharon and Zoe are fighting for the affections of Dennis.
"But no-one will be sure whether Zoe is actually pregnant or whether she is making it up.
"Put it this way, it will all come out in the wash."
What is for certain though is that Zoe will end up the winner if Dennis decides she is the one for him.

him.
For Sharon is departing, possibly for good. Also



SNEAKY: Is Zoe preggers?

heading off to America is her teen "sister" Vicki her teen "sister" Vick Fowler, (Scarlett Johnson

19).
Another leaving the soap is her adoptive dad Dirty Den Watts, played by sexscandal star Leslie Grantham, 57.

His contract is not being renewed.

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Ciggies kill 5m a year

SMOKING kills five million people a year worldwide.

It's the first time a global death-toll has been revealed and comes after researchers checked health records in scores of countries.

The figure, for adults over 30, shows men are four times more likely to die than woman.

The deaths are almost evenly split between those in the developed world and those in developing nations, said academics from Australia and the US.





ADDICTED: Young smoker

TEENAGERS hooked

TEENAGERS hooked on ciggies can blame their parents.

A faulty gene they inherited from one of their parents could be the reason they become nicotine addicts, scientists said yesterday.

The genetic flaw means their liver can't clear the nicotine quickly enough, so smokers start to depend on the chemical because it's always around in

■ by ELIZABETH JAMES

their bodies. And the effects are particularly strong in new, young smokers, according to research published in the medical journal Tobacco Control. With their brain tuned in to having a regular supply of nicotine, it takes fewer cigarettes to turn them into addicts.

Youngsters with the faulty gene are almost three times as likely to become hooked on

tobacco as those with normal genes, said the Canadian researchers who carried out a two-year study on 228 Montreal teenagers who already smoked.

Risk

More than one in four became addicted to nicotine – and the highest number was among those with the faulty gene. Now anti-smoking campaigners may need to take into account the genetic risk, said

one of the scientists behind the survey, Dr Jennifer O'Loughlin. Studies suggest that getting hooked early in life is a key to young smokers being unable to kick the habit, she said.

"It is well established that nicotine dependence is associated with smoking cessation failures," said Dr O'Loughlin.
"But no studies to date have investigated the prospect of genetic risk in young smokers," she added.

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STAR NEWS



DALE FORCE: Amy Nuttall

CITY GIRL: Kim Cattrall

Women go bonkers for extra sex

■ by PAUL MALLEY

NOOKIE-MAD have taken over from men as the top sexual predators.

They will go to shocking lengths to ensure a night of passion, including spiking drinks with Viagra.

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A study, Women As Sexual Aggressors, said some females would do anything for sex. It is being halled as proof that man-eaters such as Samantha Jones, played by 48-year-old Kim Cattrall in TV's Sex And The City and Emmerdale's sex-obsessed Chloe Atkinson (Amy Nuttall, 23), are becoming more common.

More than half of those questioned admitted that they'd plied a guy with booze to get bonked. And one in ten said they'd even spiked drinks with Vlagra. Some admitted they'd used bribery and one in 10 said they'd used threats of violence.

Violent

One wife, whose violent husband was in jail, said: "I told one guy that I'd cry rape and tell my husband unless he performed. He did as he was told."

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Dr Patrick Anders, who
led the study, said:
"Sexologists now agree
that women have taken a
more commanding role in
sexual relationships and
have exhibited behaviours
classified as sexual
aggression."

REAL GIRL POWER

ARMWRESTLER Dawn Higson,15, of Bolton, Lancs, will take on women twice her age for the world title in South Africa this week.























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LEMAR has revealed his secret heartache over the loss of a baby.

The soulful singer, 26, penned Call Me Daddy, a tearjerking ode to a stillborn child, for new album Time To Grow.

Speaking to the baby, Lemar says he cries every

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NEW SONG IS ODE TO A TRAGIC BABE

night, hopes the child will call him daddy when they meet in heaven and laments he will never hold it. In the track, Lemar sings: "Reminiscing about the day she first told me you were entering into our lives/It would have

been a great November/It was like our love had been reborn."
And in the heart-rending chorus, Lemar asks: "Will I meet you on the other side? And If I see you, will you call me daddy?"
Lemar, who has been with long-term girlfriend **Charmaine Powell** for nine years, joins a growing list of male stars who have opened their hearts through music.

Lyrics

Brian McFadden penned Sorry,
Love Daddy to his two daughters to
explain his split from wife Kerry,
while Robbie Williams is no
stranger to talking about his troubles through his lyrice either.
A spokesman for the star said:
"Lemar hasn't been through this
himself, but he's seen others suffering around him."

Bono's cop choir

New York to a standstill when they shot their video for new single All Because Of You. The band stopped traffic in Times Square as they

square as they performed from the back of a truck. **Bono** even had time to pose with donut eating cops and sing a version of Santa Claus Is Coming To



HERE'S

Anastacla performing in Spain – but that's not important. What does matter is that I saw her in Rome for the MTV

Awards and she is now officially 100% bangin'. For those of you who haven't met her, you may think her impressive assets – see my picture – are complimented by a hefty figure. Incorrect. As a point of fact, she's a little wriggler. And I do not say that lightly. If you want more of Anastacia,

let me know in the usual fashion.



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THIS masterclass in emotional soul went down a proper treat.

As expected, JIII Scott didn't even come close to hitting a duff note and proved that Mariah Carey-style warblings are not needed to pull in the punters.

She treated the crowd – mainly loved-up couples – to most of her new album, with a couple of oldies thrown in.

Personal faves included Bedda At Home and Slowly, Surely.

Just a few more of her better-known songs and a few head-nodders would have made it a perfect evening for me.

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RACISTS WREC



FOOTBALL racists have forced telly chiefs to ditch plans to give shamed pundit Ron Atkinson in job back.

ITV bosses reckoned Big Ron, 65, had been punished enough over his on-air outburst and planned to give him a sec-

n****r". The comment cost him £1.5million

n****r". The comment cost him £1.5million in lost earnings.

An ITV insider said: "The feeling was that Ron had served his time. But there's no way he can come back after what happened in Spain and Blackburn. It's a shame, because our football shows haven't been the same without him."

Ron will be seen taking race awareness lessons in What Ron Said, to be screened on BBC on December 13.

David Ashcroft, 21, from Leyland, and Jason Perryman, 22, from Chorley, both Lancs, were last night charged with a racially aggravated public order offence over the Dwight Yorke incident. outburst and planned to give nim a sec-ond chance.

But the sickening racial abuse hurled at England's black stars by Spanish fans in Madrid last week has forced them to pull the plug on his planned comeback.

And the shameful monkey chants aimed at Dwight Yorke by Blackburn Rovers fans on Sunday has cemented their decision. Ron quit in April after calling Chelsea ace Marcel Desailly a "f***ing thick, lazy OFF AIR: Ron Atkinson Silver unlimited broadband now even better value from £17.99° AOL Broadband has always been great value. Now for just a few pounds more a month than some dial-up services, you can upgrade to unlimited broadband with no

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SMASH: Floyd yesterday

Ban for boozy Floyd

TV chef Keith Floyd was yesterday banned from driving for 32 months following a drink-drive smash on a country bridge. Floyd, 60, was arrested after his people carrier crashed head-on with a Land Rover driven by an unnamed woman. Magistrates in Swindon, Wilts, heard that Floyd was so drunk officers kept him in the cells for 10 hours until he sobered up. Floyd, of Faringdon, Oxford, claimed to have had just two whiskies before the crash but the court heard he was one and a half times over the limit.

Strokes

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Floyd, who has recently suffered two strokes, was also fined £1,500.
Speaking after sentence, he said: "It's Christmas time, enjoy yourselves, get pissed at home – but don't drive.
"This is the first time in 41 years I've had any kind of driving offence."
Mr Guyll-Wiggins, defending, told the court that Floyd had lost between £20,000 and £30,000 as a result of the crash after work "dried up". He had also been the victim of an armed robbery at his French home.

Alert on housing

housing crash could hit Britain if interest rates are not cut, a bank warned

yesterday.

DeutscheBank
predicted property
prices would fall by
around 10% to 15%
over the next year and
would then stay flat for
several years

It says interest rates must come down to prevent a full-blown slump of 30%.

Ugly

The bank estimated that property was currently overvalued by an average of 20% to 30%, with some overpriced by as much as 40%. The report follows a similar alert at the weekend by Barclays. Property website rightmove.co.uk also warned the market of "ugly times" ahead.

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A 10-YEAR-OLD cheese toastie claiming to show the Virgin Mary has sold on eBay for £14,000 to online casino Goldenpalace.com.

Dolphins save family from great white shark

FOUR terrified swimmers were saved from a killer shark by a group of

brave dolphins.

The six dolphins surrounded the three helpless lifeguards

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

and a teenage girl to keep the 9ft-long great white shark at bay for at least 40 minutes.

The dolphins circled lifeguard Rob Howes, his 15-year-old daugh-

ter and two colleagues, to drive away the hungry predator as it lurked just 100 metres off shore. They repeatedly flipped their tails in the water to force the shark back until it was safe for the swimmers to head for the safety of

the beach. The shark had been silently closing in on its prey as the lifeguards trained off the northern coast of New Zealand.

They didn't even realise what was happening until they were suddenly surrounded by the pod of dolphins, who started to herd them together.

Mr Howes, from nearby Whangarei, tried to swim away in the confusion but two of the biggest dolphins pushed him back.

It was only when he was back behind the dolphins' defensive barrier that he saw the deadly shark just a few metres away.

Danger

He said: "They pushed all four of us together by doing tight circles around us, then I realised the dolphins were protecting us."

Marine expert Ingrid Visser, of the Orca Research group, said: "They could have sensed the danger to the swimmers. Dolphins will attack sharks to defend themselves and their young."



HERO: Rescuer dolphin



VILLAIN: Deadly shark

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ST NEWS



Dan wins horse pay

TEENAGER Daniel
Wood has won a fivefigure sum from
police after a force
horse knocked out
his front teeth.
The 15-year-old was
kicked in the face in
Scunthorpe, Lincs,
six years ago.
Humberside police
have finally reached
an out-of-court
settlement.

JERRY LAWTON THE bodybuilder used of shooti used of shooting a bobby dead was caught with the gun hidden under his mattress - loaded and ready to fire. The pistol was found by an officer searching David Bieber's hotel group offer his arrest

hotel room after his arrest a jury heard a jury yesterday.

His DNA on trigger, jury

Scientist Valerie Tomlinson said Bieber's DNA was on the trigger and other parts of the 9mm Croatian HS semi-automatic weapon.

There was a one-in-a-billion chance if belonged to someone else. The weapon was used to shoot Pe Ian Broadhurst, 34, and two

colleagues in Leeds on Boxing Day last year, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told.

Scream

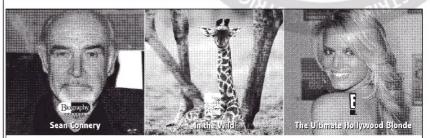
Pathologist Prof Christopher Milroy said the first shot to hit Pc Broadhurst in the chest would have proved fatal but he would

have been able to shout or scream. A second into his head would have killed him instantly. Weapons shop assistant Henry Whittick said Bieber had bought 700 bullet cases and gunpowder from a north London store. Bieber, 38, denies murder and other charges. The case continues.



KILLED: Pc Broadhurst





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Tara just simply the bust

BUSTY babe Tara Reid sizzled in a skimpy bikini as she showed off her amazing curves in Miami Beach.

The American Pie star, 29, used to be a flat A cup but is now a stunning D after having a boob job earlier this year.

She certainly seemed proud of her new fuller figure while topping up her tan by the pool – and we reckon she's looking pretty swell too.

M*A*S*H-style hospitals are being set up in cities to treat boozy party-goers caught up in fights.

Health chiefs hope the military type hospitals made famous in the cult TV series will take the pressure off hard-pressed casual-ty units.

One is being tested in Swansea to tackle problem binge drinkers and violence in the run-up to Christmas.

Cope

Other cities will be watching closely as they struggle to cope with the huge demand drunks place on weekend emergency medical services.

Ambulance officer Mark Winter said: "This is a chance to deal on-the-spot with people who may have become injured as a result of violence and aggression. It will stop them clogging up hospital A&E

■ by JOHN MAHONEY

departments while also helping and

departments while also helping and supporting them.

"It makes sense rather than seeing these patients sitting in accident units for hours when they don't really need to be there and the staff have more important things to do."

Paramedics, sometimes accompanied by police officers, will respond to 999 calls in the city's hectic pub quarter.

People who need treatment for minor injuries will be transported to the field hospital set up in a main street medical centre.

Mr Winter said: "We've up to 40 calls a night and the majority will be able to be dealt with at the centre. Wherever you DOC: M*A**

have large centres of population drinking and enjoying themselves throughout the evening, this type of service could work."

Dr Richard Lewis, Welsh secretary of the British Medical Association, said: "This is a forward-thinking and innovative development to try and relieve pressure on hospitals that they could well do without.

"Anything that helps to address this increased demand on emergency services has to be welcomed.

"Hopefully it will also provide an opportunity to educate people that drinking to excess isn't good for their health."

health."
Local GP Dai Lloyd said:
"Creating a field hospital on
the street close to the casualties will help enormously
by taking the pressure off A&E."

England ace Beattie slung from bar in bust-up over muff

ENGLAND ace James Beattie was banned from a bar after a bust-up over a bowl of muffins.

And terrified staff were forced to call the police when

forced to call the police when Beattie's gang of pals squared up to other drinkers.
Assistant manager Dominique Palmer, 20, said: "I was scared because we didn't have door staff on until later and they were quite intimidating."
Dominique said the Southampton striker and his pals had

■ by TONY LEONARD

already annoyed staff and drinkers with "rowdy and drunken" behaviour.
And the bar boss chucked the £15,000-a-week player from the premises when he stuffed his head into a bowl of wrapped muffins—selling for a £1 each.
But minutes later the £7 million-rated player marched back in and was branded "a knob" by a man in another group.
Dominique said Beattie, 26, shouted: "Are you starting? Are

you starting?" The two groups squared up to each other and beer was spilled and glasses smashed. Staff at Bar Med in Bourne-mouth, Dorset, called the police who dashed to the scene.

Arrogant

Officers spoke to Beattle and his pals and gave them a warning under the Public Order Act.

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Beattie has since apologised for
the Sunday teatime rumpus.
But Dominique added: "He was
obnoxious and arrogant.
"The police came and spoke to

Beattie and his friends. As they left they said they were going to Spearmint Rhino, the lap-dancing bar. They were typical footballers." A spokesman for Premiership club Southampton said: "We're waiting for the facts before deciding what action, if any, to take." A spokesman for Beattle's agents, First Artists, said: "We understand he was in the bar and was being subjected to an awful for of abuse for no apparent reason." Beattle is no stranger to police action. Two years ago he received a drink-drive ban.





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